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Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/686,902	KOONS ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Debra Wolfe	3725	

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Amendment filed November 14, 2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,3-7,9,11-15.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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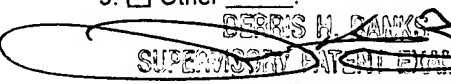
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY

Allowable Subject Matter

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

1. It is the opinion of the examiner that the art of record (considered as a whole) neither anticipates nor renders obvious "a wheel and a faceplate attached thereto and the wheel having a flared portion for wedging a cable against the faceplate and preventing tangential slipping of the cable about the wheel" in combination with the rest of the claimed limitations set forth in independent claims 1 and 9.

Further searching by the examiner yielded additional prior art as follows:

2. Scruggs (U.S. Patent # 5,511,589) discloses a power operated safety cable tool having a wheel (28) and a faceplate (side plate 36a) with a spring loaded housing pawl (30) in which the end of pawl (30) engages the cable (12) within passageway (26) and compress cable (12) against a side of the passageway to thereby restrain the cable (12) within the wheel (28). [See column 2, lines 45-50] Scruggs (U.S. Patent # 5,345,663) discloses a safety cable tool having a wheel (246) and a pivoting pawl member (258) where the end of the pawl (258) engages the cable (16) to be compressed against the wheel (246), however there is no faceplate attached to a wheel (246).

3. The above cited prior art fails to disclose a wheel with a faceplate attached thereto and the wheel having a flared portion for wedging a cable against the faceplate and preventing tangential slipping of the cable about the wheel. Therefore, it is concluded that claims 1 and 9 of the present invention are allowable subject matter over the prior art. Claims 1-15 are allowed.



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Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."


Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Debra Wolfe whose telephone number is (571) 272-1904. The examiner can normally be reached Monday - Thursday 6am - 3:30pm with alternating Fridays 6am - 2:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Derris Banks can be reached at (571) 272-4419. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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